City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 31, 2006

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO #44: FUNDING FOR REPAIRS TO MT. VERNON

PUBLIC ALLEY

This memorandum is in response to an issue raised by a constituent at the City Council Budget Public Hearing on March 13, 2006 regarding funding for repairs to the alleyway in the 300 block of Mt. Vernon Avenue.

The City Manager's Proposed FY 2007-FY 20012 Capital Improvement Program budget includes \$350,000 to provide drainage improvements in the public alley behind the 300 block of Mt. Vernon Avenue in FY 2007.

This alley is currently in poor condition. The drainage problems are affecting the adjoining residences, resulting in a number of residents expressing dissatisfaction with the alley's condition. If approved, this project would provide for the reconstruction of the alley with additional inlets and an underdrain system along the entire length of the alley.

This project, however, is on the list of proposed CIP expenditure reductions to meet the alternative lower budget set by Council last fall. If the alternative budget is approved, this project will be deferred until FY 2008 or later.